

Village of Roaming Shores

October 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennie D'Amicone. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present : Bob Cook, Duane Helms, Marlene Hocesvar, Ed Koziol, Chris Plickert and Mark Reighard. Also present were Solicitor Kyle Smith, Administrator Carl Reinke and Clerk-Treasurer Leeann Moses.

The Mayor explained that Nick Sanford, Director of Ashtabula County Environmental Services, is here this evening to talk about the formation of a water/sewer district. Nick Sanford was introduced by Administrator Carl Reinke and Nick Sanford began by stating that he is here for informational purposes and to answer any and all questions. The County Environmental Services provides services to all unincorporated areas in the County and is currently running several water and wastewater plants. The County is working closely with a law firm from Columbus to begin the formation of a regional water/sewer district, which is defined by the Ohio Revised Code. This district will be governed by a board with representatives from the communities involved. Mr. Sanford addressed the questions of those in attendance and closed by thanking everyone for their time.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS : *Bryan Hitch* asked about the contract with the County to provide employees with the required EPA licenses and if Council look elsewhere for licensed personnel. He asked if the Village joined the County Regional District would there be enough staff to oversee all of our lift stations. *Yes, they would.* *John Ball* stated that the County owns Plant C (previously the Illuminating Company facility) and is it capable of provided potable water. *Mr. Sanford noted that at this time only raw water could be provided by Plant C.* *Bob Gregory* added that the Village lost a very valuable employee and these employees are at a premium, our community could experience difficulty in obtaining licensed personnel and perhaps joining a regional water/sewer district would work better for our Village. *Joe Eardly* asked if anyone did a cost comparison showing the expense with the Village hiring a licensed operator vs the County providing one. *The Administrator had done so and will have it posted on our website.* *Bruce Bower* added that Aqua Ohio rates are going to be increased by 8% next year, and asked what the County is paying for bulk water from Aqua Ohio. *Jan Dougherty* asked what is the County doing to recruit and get young people interested in the water/wastewater field. *Sandro D'Amicone* asked what is the timeline in the formation of the regional water/wastewater district and once formed who decides the priority of improvements? *The formation is on the "ground level" and the board of the regional district would prioritize improvements.* *Jim Tatalick* asked what would happen to the Village's debt? *The assets and liabilities would be transferred to the regional district.* *Bob Cook* added that EPA has mandated that all septic systems be brought up to code and inspected with the County not meeting the deadline. He was curious if the County could afford and keep up with the updates and improvements to our 39 lift stations. *The County Health department oversees the septic system regulations and yes, the regional district could keep up with the needed improvements.* *Duane Helms* asked how was the rate determined in the two year contract with

the County providing licensed personnel. *A calculation of wages, equipment and such was used.* John Ball asked if the Mayor had received a letter from PUCO regarding the 8% proposed increase in the bulk water rates. *No, she had not.*

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING : A motion was made by Chris Plickert, seconded by Duane Helms , to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 and September 30, 2019, meetings. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT : *No report was given at this time.*

MAYOR'S REPORT : The Mayor asked our residents to please return the Recycling/compost keys back when finished that very same day. There are several keys out currently and if we don't abide by the current method perhaps it will be necessary to make changes and or cease collections at the site completely.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIASON : Cheryl Fain cheerfully added that the next Association meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday. The community preparedness group sponsored a meeting regarding Veterans' benefits which went quite well. There are many veterans within our County who are not receiving benefits which they are entitled to and she urges them to contact the County Veterans office.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT : *There was no report at this time.*

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT : A written report was submitted by Administrator Reinke highlighting projects underway, pending and planned for the future.

OLD BUSINESS : *There was none.*

ORDINANCE 739-09-19 : *Amending the Rates of Pay for Village Employees (3rd).* Ed Koziol made a motion, seconded by Duane Helms, to pass Ordinance 739-09-19 for the third and final reading. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 741-09-19 : *Amending the Personnel Policy to include a \$25 per call out for Village Employees (2nd).* Ed Koziol made a motion, seconded Chris Plickert to accept the amendment to \$25 per call not per 24 hour period. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Marlene Hocevar who voted no.

ORDINANCE 742-09-19 : *Awarding an increase of wages to Brett Pugh and Gabriel McVey of \$1 per hour (2nd).* The ordinance was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE 744-10-19 : *Agreement with the County for Water/Wastewater Services (1st).* The ordinance was read for the first reading.

ORDINANCE 745-10-19 : *Purchase of Liability Insurance for the Village (1st).* A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Ed Koziol, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Chris Plickert to consider Ordinance 745-10-19 as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Duane Helms, to pass Emergency Ordinance 745-10-19 for the first and final reading. The motion passed with all in favor.

ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS : Nothing to report on reviewing the Public Records Policy.
(2) The plan is for employees to begin filling out the form to allow health insurance quotes for next year.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS : *Bryan Hitch* added that we need to invest in our community and that there are several engineering firms that could provide help for licensed operators for our Utility operations and asked if we have reached out to other communities. *John Ball* asked if the interview with a possible candidate fell thru and did Council ever consider "sharing" and operator with another municipality.

ADJOURNMENT : A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Duane Helms to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jennie D'Amicone adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER

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